

Applicants : Maurice Husson, Christian Jacquemet and Eugene Vorobiev  
Appl. No. : 10/520,471  
Filed : January 7, 2005

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were pending in the subject application, with Claims 1-5 having been examined and Claims 6-8 having been withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment, applicants have cancelled Claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer and added new Claims 9-28. New Claims 9-28 are supported by the disclosure and claims as originally filed. Accordingly, entry of new Claims 9-28 is respectfully requested.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner requested that applicants amend the specification on page 1 to refer to the corresponding PCT and French priority applications. It is noted that this information was provided in the Preliminary Amendment filed on January 7, 2005.

The Examiner also requested that the Abstract be amended to remove "5" in line 3. A new Abstract in which the line numbers have been removed is attached as Exhibit 1. Entry of the new Abstract is respectfully requested.

#### Claim Objections

Claims 4 and 5 were objected for being of improper form. This objection should be moot in view of the new claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

#### 35 U.S.C. 112 Rejections

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. More particularly, Claim 1 was rejected for failing to recite positive steps, while Claims 2 and 3 were rejected as being dependent on an indefinite base claim. Claims 1-3 have been cancelled and replaced with a new claim set that recites positive steps. In view of the new claims, it is believed that this rejection is moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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Claim 3 also was rejected for reciting broad and narrow ranges. Claim 3 has been cancelled and replaced with new Claims 12 and 13. In view of the new claims, it is believe that this rejection is moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

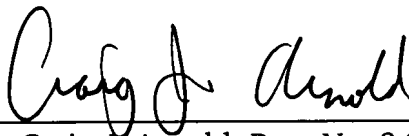
In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections and rejections, and passage of the claims to allowance.

No fee, other than the \$1050 three month extension of time fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If this fee is in any way deficient, or if any additional fee is required to preserve the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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